

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant: Gregory PLOWMAN, *et al.*  
Title: *Diagnosis and Treatment of ALK-7 Related Disorders*  
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Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111

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In reply to the *final* Office Action dated October 10, 2001, the due date for response having been extended two months to Monday, March 11, 2002, Applicants submit the following Amendment and Reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111.

Applicants concurrently file herewith a Petition for Extension of Time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), with provision for the required fee, to extend the period for response for two month(s) up to, and including, March 11, 2002. If additional fees are necessary to prevent abandonment of this application, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 19-0741.

REMARKS

Status of the Claims

Upon entry of this Amendment, claims 2-5, 9 and 23-37 will remain pending in the application.